

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request 13

Date of Meeting: 11/20/2001

Date Submitted: 11/15/2001

TO: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

FROM: Parwez Alam, County Administrator
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SUBJECT: Ratification of Action Taken at the Countywide Flooding Issues Workshop

Statement of Issue:

Approval is requested to ratify Commission actions at the Workshop on Countywide Flooding Issues held on October 30, 2001 and to schedule two workshops.

Background:

Leon County was struck by three named storms within the past year, with two very intense storms qualifying for federal disaster assistance. Tropical Storm (T.S.) Helene occurred September 22, 2000, with 24-hour rainfall amounts in excess of eight inches. Recovery efforts were still underway when the remnants of T.S. Allison began to affect Leon County on June 11, 2001, setting a new National Weather Service record for the amount of rainfall recorded in a 24-hour period. T.S. Barry entered the area August 5 and caused widespread flooding throughout Leon County due primarily to the storm occurring so soon following T.S. Allison. The Red Cross only identified 46 structures damaged by the flooding, of which seven were in the unincorporated area. The extent of the T.S. Barry flooding did not qualify for federal disaster assistance.

Based on the extensive rainfall activity, staff presented an agenda item to the Board for consideration at the September 25, 2001 meeting (Attachment #1). In addition to directing staff to proceed with specific stormwater capital improvement projects, Board action included scheduling a workshop to further address flooding issues. That workshop was conducted with the Board October 30, 2001 (Attachment #2).

Analysis:

Of the options presented to the Board for consideration, the following items were approved:

- #4- Direct staff to draft regulations to require all subdivisions to be publicly dedicated.
- #6- Direct staff to continue with the EMP grant application for the expanded gage network.
- #7- Direct staff to develop alternative funding scenarios for capital and operating expenses.
- #8- Direct staff to pursue FDEP joint project for rainfall estimation and modeling.
- #9- Direct staff to develop an enhanced maintenance program utilizing best available standards.
- #10- Adopt the proposed capital improvement project list and submit to the BluePrint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency for funding through the County share of the Water quality Program Funding.

- #11- Fund the needed basin assessments by including them in the Water Quality Program Funding of

Staff was directed to schedule two additional workshops concerning stormwater maintenance activities and floodplain development regulations. It is requested that workshops for stormwater maintenance activities and floodplain development regulations be scheduled for February 26, 2002 and March 12, 2002 respectively.

Options:

1. Ratify Board action taken at the Workshop on Countywide Flooding Issues.
2. Direct staff to schedule a Stormwater Maintenance Activities Workshop for February 26, 2002 from 2 - 4 p.m.
3. Direct staff to schedule a Floodplain Development Regulations Workshop for March 12, 2002 from 2 - 4 p.m.
4. Board direction

Recommendation:

Options #1, #2, and #3

Attachments:

1. September 25, 2001 Agenda Item
2. October 30, 2001 Workshop Item

